

Culmore Primary School

Autumn 1 Newsletter



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Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to our school families for the start of another school year. A special welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils and those pupils who have joined us in other year groups.

We are always mindful of the health and well-being of every child in our school – as a small school we get to know your children's likes, dislikes, fears and preferences very quickly. We want to nurture them and support them each day so that they can achieve their best in a confident and happy way.

We always strive to work in partnership with our parents. If we can work together, and communicate effectively and honestly, then we know that the children are being nurtured and challenged properly.

As always, we are here to listen. As a staff, we will continue to strive to make your child's educational experiences meaningful, challenging and enjoyable.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Warmest Regards,

Clare McMenamin
Principal



Our School Charter

Respect all members of our school community.

Encourage each other.

Speak the truth.

Practise, persevere and make progress.

Embrace mistakes as learning opportunities.



Our Hall and ICT Suite have a facelift over the summer and we



School Rules

- Kind Bodies and Kind Words.
- Follow Instructions.
- Respect Everyone and Everything.

Staff Update

We sadly said goodbye to Miss Wilson at the end of last term but warmly well Miss McAllister to join our hard-working team.

Principal

Mrs C McMenamin

Teachers

Y1/2/3 Mrs C McMenamin/Mrs H Geddes

Y4/5 Mrs M Nash/Miss R McAllister

Y6/7 Mr B McLaughlin

SENCo

Mr B McLaughlin

Learning Support Assistants

Mrs J Clarke

Mrs C McLaughlin

Mrs S McFarland

Clerical Officer

Mrs J Clarke

Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs B McConalogue

Mr B Quinn

Catering Assistant

Mrs B Barr

Building Supervisor

Mr B Quinn

School App

Have you downloaded the school app yet?

This will always be our main mode of communication and should be checked daily for new messages or documents.



Safeguarding Team



Mrs M Nash
Designated Teacher for Child Protection.



Mrs C McMenamin
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.



Mr B McLaughlin
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.



Mrs L Hughes
Governor Responsible for Child Protection.

Our Child Protection Policy and leaflet have been uploaded to OurSchoolsApp and our website for your convenience.

Board of Governors

Chair Mr P O'Neill

Mr J Lyttle

Mrs L Hughes

Mr T Walsh

Mr R Campbell

Mr A Sims

Teacher Rep Mr B McLaughlin

Secretary Mrs C McMenamin

Our Board of Governors will undergo some restructuring in the year ahead due to two recent resignations from post. We will soon seek expression of interest regarding the role of Parent Representative.

Registration and Absences

- Prompt arrival please—no later than 9am).
- Prompt pick up please.
- Too unwell to attend ? Please contact school on 71 351259. When your child returns to school, this absence should then be explained with a written note/email to info@culmoreprimaryschool.com
- School will always follow up any unexplained absences with a phone-call if your child has not arrived at school . This is for safeguarding reasons.
- **Holiday Dates** for 2022/2023 were uploaded to the “Documents” area of our school app before the summer holidays. Children should not be taken out of school during term-time for family holidays. Extra work for pupils who are away on holiday during term-time should not be requested from teachers.
- **Covid-19 Related Absences**
If you feel that your child, or anyone in your household, is displaying Covid-19 symptoms you are advised to follow PHA guidance and inform the school.



Milk can be ordered from the week beginning 19th Sept. More details will follow.

Dinners

The price of a dinner remains at £2.60 per day which must be paid on a Monday



Grey trousers/pinafore/skirt

Light blue polo shirt

Burgundy jumper/cardigan – this must depict the new school logo

Grey/burgundy/white socks/tights

Plain black shoes

We encourage the recycling of uniforms to help others.



Thank you to our Year 1 models, Emilie and Jude.



Friends of Culmore Primary School (FOCPS)

Don't be shy. Come and join our PTA.

These parents/friends play a very important role. They organise fun events and help to raise vital funds which go towards enhancing the educational experiences for every child here.

Looking After Health and Well-Being

The health and well-being of your child is of the utmost importance to us here at Culmore PS. At Culmore PS we carry out many helpful strategies:

- PATHS Programme
- Yoga Sessions
- Mindfulness
- Daily Exercise
- Outside Learning
- Talk about feelings
- Healthy Eating
- Positive Behaviour
- Reward effort
- Value Individual Talents
- Respect others



Cranium Club will commence for Y7 pupils wishing to attend on Wed 14th Sept from 3.00pm-4.00pm.



Please show consideration for our neighbours when you are parking.

- * Use the one-way system
- * Do not block driveways
- * Move off swiftly once your child has been collected
- * Walk/park and walk to school to help ease congestion at busy times.



URGENT

Have you completed all the permission slips sent home with your child? Please return these to school by Friday 9th September.

- ◆ **Child Protection**
- ◆ **Trips and Outings**
- ◆ **Social Media Platforms**



Caring, Confident and Inclusive